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1. CONTROL OFFICER SMITH WILL MEET PANAM 106 MARCH 10.

2. WE HAVE ADVISED MAITLAND'S OFFICE THAT ROBINSON IS
INTERESTED IN SUBJECTS PARA 2 REF B.

3. WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT MAITLAND WILL WISH TO GO
IN SOME DETAIL INTO THE POSITION DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH
AS UK AND US SHOULD TAKE WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPING COUN-
TRIES IN MEETINGS SCHEDULED BETWEEN THE PRESENT AND THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION. MAITLAND HAS A DEEP
INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, STEMMING IN PART FROM HIS EX-
TENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY
THE ARAB WORLD, AND HIS BRIEF TENURE AS BRITISH REPRE-
SENTATIVE AT THE UN IN 1974. SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD
INEVITABLY TOUCH ON THE BRITISH VIEW OF COMMODITY ARRANGE-
MENTS, THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO RAW MATERIAL
BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE ADVISABILITY, AS THE BRITISH
SEE IT, OF MAKING A GESTURE TO THE LDC SUPPLIERS OF
BASIC RAW MATERIALS, AND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE RAW
MATERIALS AND OIL. THE BRITISH ARE NOW REVIEWING THEIR
POLICY IN THIS RESPECT FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S
SPEECH IN LEEDS FEB. 9 (REFS C AND D). DISCUSSIONS ON
THIS TOPIC PRESUMABLY WILL ALSO TOUCH ON ROLE OF INTER-
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE OECD AND

THE UN.

4. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR US TO RAISE QUESTION OF COMPETITIVE EXPORT STIMULANTS, SPECIFICALLY BRITISH EXPORT INSURANCE AGAINST COST INCREASES (REF E), IN CONTEXT OF OECD TRADE PLEDGE AND GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.

5. ANYTHING THAT CAN BE SAID ON US OUTLOOK ON MTN, PARTICULARLY RE SCHEDULE AND WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WHEN, DOUBTLESS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO BRITISH. IN THIS CONTEXT INQUIRY RE GROWING PRESSURES FOR IMPORT CONTROLS IN UK MIGHT BE USEFUL. UP TO THIS TIME GOVERNMENT HAS STOOD UP WELL TO THESE PRESSURES, BUT THEY COULD BENEFIT FROM REMINDERS OF OUR CONCERN.

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